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SUBJECT: STATUS OF BROADCAST STATIONS ON ANTIGUA (1165
KHZ) AND GRAND CAYMAN (1555 KHZ)

REF: LONDON 5944 (NOT SENT KINGSTON)

1. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION HAS REPORT THAT NEW
AM STATION IS EXPECTED TO GO ON AIR AS "RADIO CAYMAN"
FROM GRAND CAYMAN ISLAND 1 AUGUST 1976, USING 10 KW POWER
AND 300 FOOT ANTENNA. LESLIE BANKS IDENTIFIED AS PROGRAM
MANAGER, RAY DUNLAP AS DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, AND RAY
SMITH AS CONSULTING ENGINEER.

2. FCC ANTICIPATES THAT EXTENSIVE HETERODYNE INTERFERENCE
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WOULD BE SUFFERED BY MANY U.S. STATIONS OPERATING ON

1550 KHZ AND 1560 KHZ SHOULD NEW STATION OPERATE IN MANNER INDICATED ON "SPLIT" FREQUENCY WITH 5 KHZ SPACING BETWEEN ADJACENT CHANNELS RATHER THAN 10 KHZ SPACING USED IN THIS AREA.

3. PLEASE VERIFY REPORT WITH HOME OFFICE AND IF ACCURATE RECORD OUR OBJECTION TO SUCH OPERATION.

4. FCC WOULD BE PLEASED TO COOPERATE IN ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY DIFFERENT FREQUENCY FOR GRAND CAYMAN STATION. ADVISE.

5. DEPARTMENT UNAWARE WHETHER THERE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN "RADIO CAYMAN" AND "CARRIBEAN RADIO LIGHTHOUSE" ON ANTIGUA. HAS EMBASSY HEARD ANYTHING FURTHER RE ANTIGUA STATION SINCE REFTTEL? KISSINGER

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